

**Maryland Commission on Climate Change  
Adaptation & Response Working Group**

*Charge: To develop and implement a comprehensive strategy for reducing Maryland's climate change vulnerability, and provide state and local governments with tools to plan for and adapt to climate impacts such as extreme weather and sea level rise.*

**Date/Time:** Monday, February 25, 2019; 2-4 PM

**Location:** Maryland Department of Natural Resources  
580 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401  
Conference Room C-1

**Purpose:** This first quarter meeting will highlight recently-released resources for Eastern Shore local adaptation work; provide an overview of a 2019 ARWG exploration issue related to adaptive/managed retreat; and discuss and seek feedback and approval on the group's 2019 work plan and agenda priorities. Updates will be provided about continued progress on SB 1006/HB 1350, the marsh resilience summit and climate in the Phase III WIP.

**I. Welcome, Introductions & Review of Agenda** **2:00 – 2:15 pm**  
*Maryland Department of Natural Resources*

**Decision:** Seek approval of December 3, 2018 meeting notes.

**Materials:** Meeting Agenda (Attachment A)  
[December 3, 2018 draft meeting notes](#)<sup>1</sup> (Attachment B)

**II. Mainstreaming Sea Level Rise Preparedness in Local Planning and Policy on Maryland's Eastern Shore** **2:15 - 2:50 pm**

[ARWG Priority: Supporting Local Decision Making]

**Discussion:** On February 1, the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy released a new report to assist local governments plan for the impacts of sea level rise for the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries in the years 2050 and 2100. This milestone resource was completed through the Eastern Shore Climate Adaptation Partnership – a regional workgroup of local government staff, partners from the State of Maryland, academic institutions, and nonprofits.

The ARWG will hear from three contributing partners, each highlighting a different adaptation component:

- Brian Ambrette, Eastern Shore Land Conservancy (Planning & Policy)
- Brandy Espinola, Environmental Finance Center (Climate & Capital Improvement Planning)
- Highlight on Higher Standard Models for Flood Resilience

**Materials:** <https://www.eslc.org/resilience/escap-materials/>

**III. Legal and Policy Tools for Facilitating Managed Retreat** **2:50 - 3:15 pm**  
*Katie Spidalieri, Georgetown Climate Center*

[ARWG Exploration Issue]

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<sup>1</sup> <https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Air/ClimateChange/MCCC/ARWG/ARWGNotes12032018.pdf>

Discussion: Along the spectrum of planning and zoning tools available to decision makers, adaptive/managed retreat or migration presents a long-term adaptation option for climate impacts that threaten structures. The ARWG will hear from the Georgetown Climate Center about case studies and different policy tools from across the country and an overview of the Center's forthcoming online Managed Retreat Toolkit.

Feedback: Discussion amongst membership about managed retreat.

IV. **A 2019 Look Forward for the ARWG** **3:15 – 3:45 pm**  
*Catherine McCall & Kim Grubert, MDNR*

Discussion: (1) Review and discuss 2019 priority items and issues raised at December's ARWG meeting and plans for exploring and setting targets for new issues, continuing forward progress and delivering resources. A draft work plan has been prepared for review and discussion.

(2) Seek feedback about 2019 ARWG agenda priorities, sub-group issue work, and a mid-year adaptation focused MCCC meeting.

Materials: Draft 2019 Work Plan (Attachment C)

Decisions: (1) Seek approval of draft 2019 ARWG work plan to forward to MCCC Steering Committee  
(2) Consensus on agenda priorities, MCCC adaptation highlights and sub-group issue work

V. **Updates, Meeting Recap & Next Steps** **3:45 - 4:00 pm**

Updates: - SB 1006/HB 1350: Saltwater Intrusion Plan & Nuisance Flood Plan (MDP/DNR)  
- Marsh Resilience Summit and Chesapeake Bay Sentinel Site Cooperative (Taryn Sudol)  
- Climate & Maryland's Phase III WIP  
- Updates from the membership

Upcoming Dates:  
- Work plan feedback due to MDNR by March 8 for transmittal to Steering Committee  
- Next MCCC meeting: April 18, 1-3 pm at MDE  
- 2019 ARWG meeting dates:  
    May 20  
    August 5  
    November 18

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